

## REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the Claims and these Remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2007. In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth a restriction requirement and required election of one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 25-29, drawn to a seal for a linking member;
- II. Claims 30-36, drawn to an operating mechanism; and
- III. Claims 41-45, drawn to a remote telemetry system.

In response, Applicants have elected claims 41-45 (Group III) and have withdrawn claims 25-36, without prejudice as to Applicants' ability to pursue these claims in a divisional application. This election is made without traverse.

Additionally claim 41 has been amended, claims 44-45 have been cancelled, and claims 47-48 are newly presented. Claims 47-48 are supported by the specification at page 16, and accordingly, no new matter is added by these amendments.

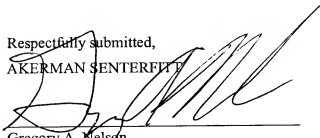
Applicants respectfully request removal of the restriction requirement and allowance of claims 41-43 and 47-48. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

A Petition for Retroactive Extension of Time accompanies this Response. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the fee for a two month extension of time, as well as any deficiency in any fees due upon filing this paper or during the prosecution of this application, to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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